


City of San Diego
COUNCILMEMBER SCOTT PETERS
DISTRICT ONE

M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: March 2, 2005

TO: Mayor Dick Murphy and City Councilmembers
City Manager Lamont Ewell

FROM: Councilmember Scott Peters 

SUBJECT: Request for waiving building permit fees and allowing for ministerial permits for rebuilding of homes and exterior structures damaged during the current state of emergency

On February 28, 2005 the Mayor and City Council voted unanimously to proclaim a local state of emergency due to flooding from the February rain storms. The local state of emergency has been forwarded to the Governor with the request that he proclaim a state of emergency and further that the Governor request a Presidential declaration of a state of emergency.

Today, our citizens are suffering the effects of the mudslides and slope failures at over 200 properties citywide. I respectfully request that the City Manager bring forward to the City Council an emergency resolution waiving building permit fees and allowing for ministerial permits for rebuilding of homes and exterior structures damaged during the current state of emergency. This could be modeled on the fee waivers utilized during the Cedar Fire of 2003.

I would also request that the City Manager bring forward a draft Council policy or other proposal to the Land Use and Housing Committee to address City permit fees and review levels during any future states of emergency. I think it is important to have an organized Development Services Department policy for emergency situations in the City of San Diego.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

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cc: Gary Halbert, Director, Development Services Department